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SUBJECT: CHINA URGED TO SUPPORT WESTERN SAHARA NEGOTIATIONS

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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1.
4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) PolOff on August 20 delivered to MFA reftel points asking China to approach the UN Secretariat in support of holding a fifth round of talks on the Western Sahara before the end of the year and to express support for retaining Peter Van Walsum as the Secretary General's Personal Envoy on this issue. MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department UN Division Acting Director Sun Xiaobo said that China shares the view that it is important to push for more progress on the Western Sahara, as stated in several UNSC resolutions. However, Sun said, he would need to consult with China's UN Mission in New York before committing to approaching the UN Secretariat. Sun did not say specifically whether China supports retaining Van Walsum as Personal Envoy. However, Sun noted that it is important that the Personal Envoy enjoy the trust of all concerned parties.
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